

ATTENTION

PLEASE READ THESE IMPORTANT NEW CHANGES

Comprehensive information for Recipients/Applicants regarding EPA grants

<https://www.epa.gov/grants>

<https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-grants-policy-resources>

1 **Starting 10/1/2018, full applications are required with initial submissions of grant applications for published competitive opportunities and for noncompetitive opportunities posted on grants.gov. (RAIN-2018-G07)**

<https://www.epa.gov/grants/rain-2018-g07>

The mandatory application forms are:

1. Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
2. Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A)
3. Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B)
4. Grants.gov Lobbying Form/Certification Regarding Lobbying (EPA Form 6600-06), with authorized signature. Form is required if the total federal dollar awarded to a recipient is greater than \$100,000
5. EPA Key Contacts (Form 5700-54)
6. Preaward Compliance Review Report (EPA Form 4700-4)

Additional EPA Region 9 required forms

7. Budget Detail Form
8. Indirect Rate Cost Agreement; if applicable
9. Final/Approved Work Plan
10. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL); if applicable
11. Financial Assistance Conflict of Interest Policy; if applicable.

2 **Bundling grant certifications and assurances has been rescinded. (EPA Grants Policy GPI-08-01-states & EPA Grants Policy GPI-13-02-tribes)**

Previously-bundled grant certifications and assurances must now be included when submitting a full and complete grant application package.

3 **Policy on Indirect Rate Costs (IDC) effective 10/1/2018. (RAIN-2018-G02)** <https://www.epa.gov/grants/rain-2018-g02>

Prior to drawing down EPA funds for IDCs, and/or using unrecovered IDCs as cost-share, recipients must have an approved rate and an EPA-approved budget that includes IDCs.

4 **New threshold for MBE/WBE annual reporting.**

Effective June 18, 2018, the simplified acquisitions threshold has been raised from \$150,000 to \$250,000. Annual MBE/WBE reporting is required if cumulative amount under Equipment, Supplies, Contractual and Other (Subwards) totals over \$250,000. [RAIN-2018-G04](#)